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Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: AIR-200 Guidance
Memorandum #96-4, Designated Alteration
Station (DAS) Using a Designated
Airworthiness Representative (DAR)
From: Manager, Production & Airworthiness
Certification Division, AIR-200
To: All Manufacturing Inspection Offices
and District/Satellite Offices

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**Reply to
Attn. of:**

This is to clarify the June 26 and November 14 memorandums concerning the use of a Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) by a Designated Alteration Station (DAS). Specifically, can a DAR conduct conformities on behalf of a DAS? The answer given was yes, however the DAR does not remain a DAR under the DAS. The DAS may hire the DAR per FAR 21.439(a)(4), since the DAR has the qualifications needed for the specific task that needs to be accomplished for the DAS. Once hired by the DAS, the DAR is no longer working under their designated authority as a DAR. They are now a representative for the DAS as staff member. Therefore, the designee must now be listed as a staff member in the DAS procedures manual per FAR 21.441(a)(2)(ii).

Once any designee is hired as a consultant or used in anyway by the DAS, they are now a representative of the DAS and no longer working under their designated authority and must be listed as a staff member. This requirement applies to all designees including Designated Manufacturing Inspection Representative (DMIR) and Designated Engineering Representative (DER).

It is hoped this clears up any questions regarding this issue. A copy of this memorandum has been sent to the project manager of the Designee Management Team (DMT) and to AFS-600, Regulatory Support Division. The DMT will determine what further guidance is needed as they revise and consolidate all the designee guidance into one order.

Thank you for interest in the designee program and helping us to provide better standardized guidance for our FAA aviation inspectors, designees, and the aviation industry.

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